

## Message Text

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FOR THE SECRETARY AND SAUNDERS FROM AMBASSADOR

WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI

E. O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: MASS, PEPR, IS, US  
SUBJECT: BEGIN'S REACTION TO SENATE VOTE ON AIRCRAFT SALE PACKAGE

1. YEHEL KADISHAI, PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S PERSONAL  
AIDE, TELEPHONED ME FIRST THING THIS MORNING TO ASK ME TO MAKE  
CLEAR TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY THAT PRESS REPORTS ABOUT  
BEGIN'S SPEECH LAST NIGHT BEFORE THE MANUFACTURERS  
ASSOCIATION WERE NOT RPT NOT CORRECT. KADISHAI EMPHASIZED  
THAT BEGIN HAD SAID NOTHING NEW ABOUT THE PACKAGE SALE,  
BUT HAD REPEATED THE SAME STATEMENTS HE HAD MADE MANY  
TIMES IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. THIS MORNING'S JERUSALEM POST CARRIES THE HEADLINE:  
"BEGIN: U.S. IS TRYING TO DICTATE PEACE TERMS." THE  
ARTICLE BEGINS: "PRIME MINISTER BEGIN SAID YESTERDAY  
THAT THE U.S. DECISION TO APPROVE THE PACKAGE SALE OF  
WARPLANES TO THE MIDDLE EAST IS PART OF AN ATTEMPT TO  
IMPOSE PEACE TERMS ON ISRAEL....ISRAEL'S FRIENDS  
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MUST KNOW THAT AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO IMPOSE PEACE  
TERMS ON US AND TO PUSH US INTO A PLACE FROM WHERE IT  
WILL BE NOT ONLY DIFFICULT BUT ALSO IMPOSSIBLE TO  
DEFEND OUR CIVILIAN POPULATION."

3. KADISHAI SAID THAT THE LAST PORTION OF THIS ARTICLE,  
BEGINNING, "ISRAEL'S FRIENDS," WAS INDEED A DIRECT

QUOTATION FROM BEGIN'S SPEECH--BUT THAT THE STATEMENT  
REFERRED TO EGYPT ATTEMPTING TO IMPOSE PEACE TERMS, NOT  
THE U.S. HE STRESSED THAT THE HEADLINE AND FIRST  
SENTENCE WERE TENDENTIOUS INTERPRETATIONS BY THE  
JERUSALEM POST OF BEGIN'S STATEMENT.

4. OBVIOUSLY, THIS CALL IS A SIGNAL THAT BEGIN IS  
ANXIOUS TO KEEP HIS POWDER DRY ON REACTIONS TO THE  
SENATE VOTE UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN MORE TIME FOR REFLECTION  
AND INTERNAL DEBATE HERE. I WILL DELIVER PRESIDENT'S  
VERY HELPFUL MESSAGE TO HIM THIS AFTERNOON AT 5 P.M.  
AND HOPE THAT THAT MAY ALSO DIFFUSE FURTHER REACTIONS  
TO SOME EXTENT, BUT THE PREDICTABLE WAVE OF ANGER IS  
SWEEPING THROUGH ISRAELI POLITICAL AND NON-POLITICAL  
CIRCLES, AND BEGIN WILL BE HARD PRESSED NOT TO  
FEED IT.LEWIS

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